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SUBJECT: MEXICAN RESOLUTION ON BELIZE

REFERENCES: A) MEXICO 9860 B) MEXICO 9861 C) MEXICO 9884

1. YOU MAY INFORM RABASA THAT WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO MEXICAN REQUEST THAT WE ACTIVELY SUPPORT MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION BUT HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH ANY PARTICULAR RESOLUTION AT THIS TIME. RATHER WE FEEL WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESERVE OUR POSITION AS A FRIEND AND COUNSELOR OF MODERATION TO ALL SIDES IN THIS DISPUTE. WE THEREFORE
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REGRET THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE THE ACTIVE SUPPORT THAT

MEXICO HAS REQUESTED.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DISCOURAGE THE GOM FROM MOVING ON THIS INITIATIVE SHOULD IT APPEAR TO OFFER ANY POSSIBILITY OF AMELIORATING TENSIONS IN THE AREA.

3. FYI--WE HAVE DECIDED TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH UK/BELIZE AND GUATEMALAN RESOLUTIONS IN 4TH COMMITTEE. IN OUR VIEW, MEXICAN RESOLUTION GOES A LONG WAY TOWARD SATISFYING GUATEMALA'S FELT NEEDS AND PROBABLY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE

TO GUATEMALA AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR GUATEMALA RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT 55 CO-SPONSORS OF UK/BELIZE DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD REGARD MEXICAN DRAFT AS FURTHERING THE UK/BELIZEAN GOAL OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE. AT THIS POINT, THEN, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH MEXICAN DRAFT WOULD BE INTERPRETED BY UK/BELIZE AND CO-SPONSORS OF THEIR DRAFT AS ALIGNMENT ON SIDE OF GUATEMALA. KISSINGER

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